

South Carolina's T-CPR law (Act 179, effective May 20, 2024) requires every 911 center—including Marion County—to train telecommunicators to recognize cardiac arrest and give compression-only CPR instructions. Your description of “no instruction, no help, no training” aligns directly with what the law prohibits, because beginning January 1, 2025, every 911 telecommunicator handling medical calls must be trained and able to deliver T-CPR. [Justia Law](#)

What the Law Requires (Act 179 – Telecommunicator CPR)

- **Mandatory T-CPR training for all 911 telecommunicators by January 1, 2025.** Training must follow nationally recognized cardiovascular guidelines. [Justia Law](#)
- Dispatchers must recognize out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA).
- They must provide compression-only CPR instructions over the phone.
- Agencies must provide annual continuing education.
- The SC Criminal Justice Academy must monitor compliance and penalize agencies that fail to meet requirements. [Justia Law](#)

What This Means for Marion County 911

If Marion County 911:

- offered **no CPR instructions**,
- provided **no pre-arrival medical guidance**,
- had **no trained telecommunicators**,
- or failed to follow **recognition protocols**,

then the center was **not in compliance** with Act 179's requirements after January 1, 2025. Your description—“offered no instruction, lacked compliance, no help, no training”—matches the exact failures the law was written to eliminate.

The American Heart Association emphasized that T-CPR **doubles survival** and is required so that “no one should be left without assistance while trying to rescue their loved one.” [American Heart Ass...](#)

Why This Failure Is Legally Significant

Under Act 179:

- Agencies are responsible for ensuring their telecommunicators are trained.
- Failure to train or provide T-CPR can trigger **penalties** and is handled under the **South Carolina Tort Claims Act** when harm occurs. [Justia Law](#)
- The law explicitly states that telecommunicators and agencies are protected **only when they provide CPR instructions**—not when they fail to.

Summary of the Compliance Gap

Requirement	What the Law Says	What You Reported	
T-CPR training by 1/1/25	Mandatory for all 911 medical dispatchers	"No training"	
CPR instructions during OHCA	Must give compression-only CPR	"Offered no instruction"	
Recognition protocols	Must identify cardiac arrest	"No help, no guidance"	
Pre-arrival instructions	Required	"Nightmare, no assistance"	

If you want, I can draft:

- a formal compliance analysis,
- a tort claim narrative,
- a statutory violation summary,
- or a **forensic breakdown** matching the 911 audio to each legal requirement.